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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to **Serve Together**



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Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**“The Church on
the Corner Whose
Cornerstone is Christ”**

We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome to our Worship of God! “God’s Grand Story”

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Exodus 33:15–34:7 (p. 88)

Prelude

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

† Responsive Call to Worship – Psalm 116:1-5 (L–Leader; C–*Congregation*)

L: Congregation, why do you love the Lord?

C: *I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.*

L: When has he heard your cry for mercy?

C: *The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: “LORD, save me!”*

L: The LORD is gracious and righteous;

C: *Our God is full of compassion.*

† Hymn – #66

“To God Be the Glory”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Our Most Merciful Father, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. But you have kept faith with us. Have mercy on us through Jesus Christ; purify us from all selfishness and sin; and fill our hearts with love, through your Holy Spirit, Amen.*

† Words of Assurance: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

† Hymn Response – #350 vs. 1 & 4

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(#71) “Behold, What Manner of Love”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

† (8:00) Hymn Response – #259

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon (outline on pg. 4)

“Knowing God’s Love Through the Prophets”

Scripture Passages

Jeremiah 25, 29 & 31

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“El Shaddai”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn – #68 vs. 1-3

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #68 v. 4

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

† Postlude

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and pleasurable time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

Children's and Large Print Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided through our loop system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Father God, you are the same God who spoke through the prophets 2500 years ago, and your message to us is the same as it was to your people back then: "I love you, I love you, I love you." Thank you for recording the ministries of the prophets for us in your Holy Word, that we might see how faithful you are in keeping all of your promises. Thank you for fulfilling your promise to send us a savior, Jesus Christ, and for beginning to fulfill your promise to write your law on our hearts. We long for the day when that promise will be fully realized, when we will live anew in your heavenly kingdom, finally free from all of our sin, finally having a heart that works properly, with nothing but love flowing from us. Lord, we pray, forgive us all our sins, and make us more and more like Jesus each day. Amen.

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- February 13 - Crowds and Calling Mark 3:7-19
- February 14 - Who's in Control? Mark 3:20-35
- February 15 - Comprehending Mark 4:1-9
- February 16 - Understanding Secrets Mark 4:10-20
- February 17 - More Secrets Mark 4:21-34
- February 18 - Now Who's in Control? Mark 4:35-41
- February 19 - Into the Boardroom Psalm 50

Sermon Outline: Knowing God's Love Through the Prophets – Scripture: Jeremiah 25, 29, & 31

How do we come to know God? Yes, through our relationship with Him, but also through history, and seeing how He has related to people throughout time. This week we're talking about the prophets, which covers a broad stretch of time. So in lieu of sermon notes this week, we have a brief timeline to help orient us to what's going on in this part of the Old Testament story.

The Setting of the Prophets

1. The United Kingdom of Israel (1050-930 BC)
 - a. Saul, David, Solomon
2. The Northern Kingdom of Israel (930-722 BC)
 - a. Conquered by Assyrians in 722 BC
3. The Southern Kingdom of Judah (930-586 BC)
 - a. Three deportations by Babylonians
 - i. Royalty (including Daniel) deported (605 BC)
 - ii. 10,000 (including Ezekiel) deported (597 BC)
 - iii. Majority remaining deported (586 BC)
4. Exile
 - a. Persians defeat the Babylonians (539 BC)
5. Second Temple Judaism (538 BC – AD 70)
 - a. First return to Jerusalem (538 BC)
 - b. Ministries of Haggai and Zechariah (c. 520-480 BC)
 - c. Completion of the Temple (516 BC)
 - d. Second return to Jerusalem led by Ezra (458 BC)
 - e. Third return to Jerusalem led by Nehemiah (445 BC)
 - f. Jerusalem & Temple destroyed by the Romans (AD 70)

Praise and Thanksgiving! – Last Sunday, February 5th, I announced there was a hole in the community meal schedule; no meal team was scheduled to cook on the 7th. Someone from our church was willing to plan and prepare the meal, the first time they'd done this for our community meal ministry. I asked for volunteers to help serve, sharing that people could just show up at 4:45PM and I trusted there would be enough volunteers to help. Thought I'd share the result – eighteen people were there to help! Three people let me know ahead of time they would be there. Three of the eighteen are there every week. Three others were not from our congregation, but showed up to help. Five came to help for the first time. Four have helped with many meals in the past and were present to make sure all went smoothly, and it did! 176 people were served a hot, delicious meal and enjoyed fellowship around the tables. I praise God for the faithful hands and hearts of Christian servants! Pastor Erich

Let's Talk About It - This Week in Our Children's and Youth Education:

Pre-K Class: Jesus's miracles continue . . . this week we chatted about the story where Jesus tells his disciples to cast their nets 'one more time' and they get a boatload of fish, where they had come up empty handed before. How many fish did I 'catch' in my net?

Faith Village: Faith Village kids are learning about the life of Jeremiah using several different passages in the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was about fourteen years old when God asked him to speak for him. How would you feel if God asked you to give a message from him to people who are older than you?

Confirmation: Laura Johnson taught this morning, sharing a lesson on denominationalism. What is a denomination? What are some of the key distinctives to consider when studying churches? What are some of the different denominations in our communities?

Senior High Sunday School: This morning we're starting a three week series confronting our temptations toward lust and immodesty. During this lesson, our young people discussed practical steps to battle and overcome lust. Ask them what these practical steps are, and pray for the teens in our church.

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: This week our lesson focused on the Bible story of Samuel and Eli (1 Samuel 1-3). Samuel needed to learn to listen to the voice of God. The students role played the Call of Samuel, and made a heart shaped Valentine dog with "listening ears." **First Grade:** The first graders reviewed their lessons from Luke from the past 2 week, Jesus choosing his disciples and Mary and Martha. This week our lesson was from Luke 6, Jesus healing the man on the Sabbath. We talked about how we can provide help and show others God loves them. We made a poster showing our helping hands. **Third Grade:** The Third graders learned how the Israelites offered gifts to build the tabernacle and looked at the promised land but were afraid and then had to wander in the wilderness for forty years. **Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders learned about becoming partners with God. We read a story about a girl who found out when she prayed for a classmate who she had been mean to, she ended up becoming a partner with God in taking care of this new friend who she learned to see in a different way. We made a web of prayer together and realized that our individual partnerships with God also makes us partners with each other. **Fifth Grade:** Based on 2 Corinthians 8:7, "God wants us to dedicate our gifts from Him to use them to be there for each other. And sometimes, it is a sacrifice on our part."

JYF: In our lesson time this week we looked at Acts 17, where Paul preached to the Athenians, inviting them to know and follow the one true God who loved them deeply. We also looked at Revelation 19, where we read about Jesus's promise to return to earth and establish his kingdom forever. All the youth were encouraged to be holy in all they say, think and do. We also played a fun game of Apples to Apples Jr. Lastly, we prayed for those of our congregation that are serving in the armed forces.

Life Planning: This month we were focusing on being challenged as Christians. We had some "challenging games" and then allowed time for the mentors and mentees to discuss the Old Testament devotional in which one of the Old Testament characters was challenged.

SYF Remix: We enjoyed eating cookies, playing chicken foot (dominoes), and Taboo. The Taboo competition was a close race, but the boys ended up beating the girls by one point!

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Valentine's Day Potluck (Parish Hall)
Mon	10:00AM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party – MWF AM Class(Parish Hall)
	11:15AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	2:00PM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party – MWF PM Class (Parish Hall)
Tues	6:00PM	NWO Cougars Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Bible Study – Mark 3 (Fireside Room)
	10:00AM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party – T'TH AM Class (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party – T'TH PM Class (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:00PM	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Valentine's Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Hand Bells (Chancel); Hand Chimes (Choir Room)
	6:45PM	JYF – Lesson and Game (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thur	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	4th Grade Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	7:30PM	NWO Cougars Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Fri		Back Bay Mission Trip Participants Return
Sat	11:00AM	Set up for Blue-N-Gold Banquet (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Blue-N-Gold Banquet (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Hand Bells & Hand Chimes Play (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	2:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	3:00PM	Out of Box FISH Pantry Experience (Chapel)
6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)	

Next Sunday – February 19 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon – “The Depths and Heights of Knowing God” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Zechariah 8:1-17

Worship Next Sunday – As you prepare for our service of worship next Sunday, February 19th, you may want to take a little time this week and listen to www.youtube.com recordings of the following songs: “God is on the Move” and “Good Good Father.” The Praise Band will be leading us in them at the 10:30 worship service.

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the family as they say goodbye to their present team, prepare for time in the states this summer, and then return to work with a new team.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray that God would raise up people to help with their monthly support, that their children will love Jesus, and that God will lead their pastoral team as they continue to plan for leadership strategy.
- ✠ Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their stamina and focus as they teach the Gospel at the Bible College, and for clarity as they stand against false teaching and cultural issues.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray they will be the incarnational embodiment of Jesus’s love to their communities, for new partnerships with churches and individuals, for wise use of their time and energies, as they balance ministry, family and fundraising.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the family as they mourn the loss of Keith, pray for support and encouragement, and pray for the ministry of the Life House.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State Univ. – pray for OC East to love Jesus deeply, for God to give wisdom with how to reach that part of campus, and for her future with the “She Has a Name” in efforts to bring freedom from human trafficking.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray they’re settling in well as they arrived on campus on January 25th, praying for a productive transition.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for upcoming surgical camps in February for the poorest of the poor, and for their new efforts in Diabetes awareness.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – praising God for three students who have been admitted to high school, one with a scholarship, and thankful two boys who were injured in a car accident, one needing prolonged treatment, but both are recovered now.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for Matt in his efforts of teaching, leadership development, outreach, staff discipleship and fundraising.

Prayer for Tom & Megan: Dear Lord, I thank you for missionaries like Tom & Megan, who have followed your path of light. As they go through another time of team transition, may your Spirit guide their ministry, supplying support and vitality to the team members who are leaving. Help Tom and Megan clarify plans for their time back in the states, that plans will come together for their spiritual and physical renewal. I pray for the people of The Islands, that new converts would remain strong and stand firm in times of fear. Lord, may your strength and compassion be a real blessing in their lives and situations. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

February Mission-A-Month - Archbold FISH Food Pantry

The Out of Box Experience will be held next Sunday, February 19th at 3PM. This is a great opportunity to learn more about and support the Archbold FISH Food Pantry. Individuals, couples, families, children, youth and adults – all are welcome! We’ll gather in the Chapel and divide into shopping groups, then head out to the stores to shop for items for the pantry. After shopping, everyone will meet at the pantry to learn how it operates and we’ll stock the shelves with the items just purchased. It’s a fun mission/fellowship experience all rolled into one event!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- The following participants from SJCC, who left yesterday for a short week of service in Biloxi, Mississippi: Pastor Erich, Ryan Christman, Betsy Ducey, Jim Grieser, James Grime, Tom Johnson Gloria Lauber, and Kim M. Walker. Three participants from other churches will be joining the group: Larry Auk, Don Geary and Amy Christman.
- Nate Meyer, recovering from shoulder surgery on Thursday.
- Congratulations to Dustin and Kathy Buckenmeyer on the birth of their son, Oliver James, on February 1st. He weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19-3/4" long. Grandparents include Dean Buckenmeyer and Evelyn Buckenmeyer. Pray for Kathy, dealing with an infection.
- Kris Short, recovering from back surgery.
- Randy Layton, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Joanne Spotts, at the Rupp Rehab Center in Fairlawn recovering from a broken hip.
- Jayson Lindsay, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who has completed chemo and radiation treatments for esophageal cancer. Further testing will determine next step in treatment.
- Gary Frazier, as he continues to recover at home.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Qatar.
- Brenden Bostelman, who departed for Alaska on February 6th.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Kollin Woolace, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Koltin Zimmerman, stationed at Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Kentucky.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Josee Grime
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Tim Beck, Mark Beltz	
	(10:30) Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short	
Greeters	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Matt & Kim Hines	(Feb 19) Ryan & Jill Holdgreve
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Kelly Ducey	
Computer Tech	(8:30) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) Becca Grieser
Song Leader	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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